

Claims

1. A cellular radio telecommunications network comprising  
a first base station; and  
a second base station, in which communications between a mobile station in a  
first cell and the first base station are handed to the second base station as the mobile  
station enters a second cell under control of a radio network controller, wherein the  
second base station responds to information from the radio network controller to send  
downlink data to the mobile station only after it has received an uplink frame therefrom.

2. A network as claimed in claim 1 further comprising:  
means for detecting power level of signals received from the mobile station, and  
wherein the second base station is controlled to send downlink data to the mobile station  
only when the uplink frame is received at a detected power level exceeding a power level  
set by the radio network controller.

3. A method of operation a cellular radio telecommunications network comprising  
the steps of  
handing off communications between a mobile station in a first cell and a first base  
station to a second base station as the mobile station enters a second cell under control of  
a radio network controller; and  
controlling the second base station, in responds to information from the radio  
network controller, to send downlink data to the mobile station only after it has received  
an uplink frame therefrom.

4. A method as claimed in claim 3 comprising the additional step of:  
detecting the power level of signals received from the mobile station; and  
controlling the second base station to send downlink data to the mobile station  
only when the uplink frame is received at a detected power level exceeding a power level  
set by the radio network controller.

5. A computer program for carrying out the method steps of claim 3 or 4.